
The City of Beaverton
Neighborhood Program Matching Fund
APPLICATION INFORMATION
FY 2006 - 2007



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City of Beaverton Neighborhood Matching Fund

Overview

The Neighborhood Matching Fund (MF), established in 1995, fosters a special partnership between the City of Beaverton and its Neighborhood Association Committees (NACs). Through an application process, qualifying NACs will receive funding for specific projects. Award decisions are made by the Neighborhood Program Manager, following recommendations of a review panel formed for this purpose. The Matching Fund encourages involvement of residents and other public and private organizations to support neighborhood-initiated planning, community-building, or improvement projects. This fiscal year, the City is providing up to \$7,500 to match the NACs' contribution for projects that are located in the neighborhood. The City will match each NAC that participates in the program up to \$750 per project. Each NAC is not limited to one project per fiscal year and may submit more than one application annually. Neighborhood contributions may come in the form of cash, donated professional services, donated equipment or materials, or volunteer hours valued at \$18.04 per hour as determined by Independent Sector, a leadership forum for charities, foundations, and corporate giving programs that estimates the dollar value of volunteer time annually.

To receive support projects must:

- Provide a public benefit,
- Result in a product, which benefits a NAC or the larger Beaverton community,
- Be feasible for completion by the end of the fiscal year – June 30, 2007,
- Involve the benefiting neighborhood in project identification, planning, and execution,
- Emphasize neighborhood self-help, or
- Be educational, community-building, or a public physical improvement.

Projects not eligible for funding:

- Duplication of an existing private or public program or service,
- Ongoing services or requests that support service organizations' operating budgets,
- Projects that conflict with existing City policy,
- Projects exceeding the duration of one year, or
- Maintenance of projects built with previous Neighborhood Matching Funds.

MATCHING FUND PROJECT IDEAS



The following is a list of some projects that the City has funded in the past:

- Wrought Iron Bench
- Wrought Iron Trash Bin
- Ground Level Planters
- Tree Planting
- Sandwich Boards
- Street Sign Toppers

OTHER IDEAS BY PROJECT CATEGORY

1. Neighborhood Physical Improvements

- Materials and services to be used toward improvements such as playgrounds, common areas, park amenities, community gardens, neighborhood markers, identity signs, banners, trash cans, benches, etc.

2. Neighborhood Organizing / Organizational Development

- Activities, services, and materials that generate new neighborhood membership, grow the organization or educate neighborhood leadership toward the organization's development and continued operation

3. Neighborhood Preservation

- Materials, programs or services that sustain or improve the health, public safety, and welfare of the neighborhood such as crime watch, traffic management, or home weatherization programs; or contribute positively to the neighborhood's aesthetic quality such as community property maintenance programs or beautification programs

4. Neighborhood Cultural, Social, and Recreational Initiatives

- Materials, programs or services that promote diversity, family literacy, neighborhood access to technology, after school enrichment programs, youth athletic leagues, career preparation, services for the needy, disabled, or elderly and cultural activities such as music, dance, or art programs

Recommended Steps in Developing a Successful Neighborhood Matching Fund Project

Step 1: Select a Project for your Neighborhood. Build neighborhood support.

Choose a project that will generate as much community support as possible and addresses a known problem or concern. The entire neighborhood should be involved in identifying and shaping the project. Including the entire neighborhood in the development of the project will increase support for the project.

Step 2: Gain Site Control

If your project involves use of or changes to any kind of property which your organization does not own, you must obtain written permission from the owner, i.e. Beaverton School District, Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District, Beaverton Engineering Department, or private property owner. It is critical that you contact the property owner as early as possible.

Step 3: Develop the Scope of the Project

Successful projects have a well-defined set of goals and objectives, as well as a list of the steps and activities required to meet those goals and objectives. You may want to consult with another neighborhood group that has done a similar project, ask members of your NAC with professional experience, talk to someone at the City of Beaverton who knows about this kind of project or could put you in touch with the appropriate person to assist your NAC with its project.

Step 4: Research the Regulations

Many projects need permits, insurance, or design review before proceeding. Find out what regulations and permits apply to your project. A pre-application conference with the appropriate City staff may be needed to outline the necessary steps that need to be taken.

Step 5: Determine Resources Needed

Develop a list of all the resources needed at each step of the way. Resources include expertise, equipment, supplies, postage, volunteers, services, etc.

Step 6: Develop a Project Budget

It is very important that you have a good sense of the costs involved with the project. As your project takes shape you will undoubtedly add to the initial list of resources needed. As you consult with experienced people you are likely to learn of additional items you need to include. Some general things to think about which may not have been listed as resources needed include permit fees, maps and technical studies, fiscal agent fees, and requirements for competitive bidding. The Neighborhood Program reimburses only 10 percent more than the originally submitted cost for the project, so a thorough budget is beneficial to the NAC.

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PROJECT SUMMARY FORM and
REIMBURSEMENT FORMS
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IMPORTANT: The one page Project Application form on the next page must be completed and turned into the Neighborhood Program office no later than December 29, 2006. The Reimbursement Forms, along with the project's original receipts, must be turned into the Neighborhood Office no later than June 30, 2007. NACs whose Reimbursement Forms are submitted after June 30, 2007 will not be reimbursed.

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SECTION 1 - PROJECT APPLICATION FORM

Please provide the Neighborhood Program with information regarding your proposed Matching Fund Project. **This one page application form is due to the Neighborhood Office on December 29, 2006.**

NAC Name:	
Project Name:	
NAC Contact Person:	
NAC Contact Phone Number:	
Total Cost of the Project:	\$
NAC's Contribution (May include cash, the value of donated material or professional services, or volunteer hours valued at \$18.04 per hour) Refer to the final page of the application for Tips on Matching Grant Funds:	Cash = \$ Donated Material and Professional Services = \$ Volunteer Hours (Valued at \$18.04 per hour) = \$ Total = \$
City's Contribution (May not exceed \$750):	\$
Description of project including the goal/need of the project, who is involved, supplies, donations, permits, written permission to use land or products from organizations, and a description about how support has evolved in the neighborhood: (Please use additional paper if needed.)	

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SECTIONS 2 and 3 – REIMBURSEMENT FORMS

Please provide the Neighborhood Program with the following information regarding your approved Matching Fund Project for reimbursement of dollars spent. **Reimbursement forms, along with original receipts, are due to the Neighborhood Office by June 30, 2007.**

SECTION 2 – PROJECT REVENUE

City Grant Request (May not exceed \$750)

Total Cash from the City of Beaverton a) \$

Cash Donations from Partners

Name of NAC, Person, or, Organization **\$ Amount**

	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$

Total Cash From Partners b) \$

In-Kind Donations from Partners

Person/Group & Activity Performed **\$ Amount**

	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$

Total In-Kind From Partners c) \$

Volunteer Hours (Valued at \$18.04 per hour) **# of Hours**
Person/Group & Activity Performed **X \$18.04**
per hour =

	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$

Total Volunteer Labor d) \$

Grand Total of Revenues (a+b+c+d=e) e) \$

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SECTION 3 – PROJECT EXPENSES

Note: These are only common categories and may not be all inclusive of the expenses for your project or program. Please add to this list on this sheet or another sheet of paper if needed and leave sections blank that do not apply to your project or program.

Type of Cost	Description of Expense	Projected \$ Amount
Salaries/Wages such as youth to cleanup after an event, babysitters, etc.		\$
Contracted Services such as site planning, sidewalk installation, etc.		\$
Material/Supplies such as refreshments, safety equipment, etc.		\$
Communication such as long distance phone calls, internet usage, etc.		\$
Printing/Reproduction such as fliers, invitations, applications, etc.		\$
Rentals/Leases such as renting a PA System for an event		\$
Capital Purchases such as playground equipment, trees, etc.		\$
Other		\$
Grand Total of Expenses		f) \$

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Project Overage or Shortage (e-f=g) g) \$

Total NAC Match (b+c+d=h) h) \$

Note: Total of h must meet or exceed the amount of City Grant requested.

TIPS TO MATCHING NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT FUNDS!

Volunteer Labor (Valued at \$18.04 per hour) – Keep track of all the time you spend...

- traveling, including your time and expenses such as gas, bus fare, etc.
- filling out the application forms.
- making phone calls, emailing, faxing, and talking in person to those involved or interested in the project.
- fundraising.
- learning and/or researching the project at hand. For example, if you are interested in planting trees and spend time researching the proper trees to plant in a specific location then keep track of the time you spend doing so and the resources you used.
- presenting your ideas to the Neighborhood Association Committee (NAC).
- If a grant is expected to increase involvement in your NAC please include the expected hours of increased involvement as part of your match.

Donations

- Could be cash, contracted services, materials, supplies, communication, printing and reproduction, rentals, leases, capital purchases, etc.
- Anything that is donated for the project that you otherwise would have had to buy should be included. For instance, if a volunteer brings a rake to a cleanup effort the value of the rake should be identified and included when matching the grant.